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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, MA

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER KILLED IN HELICOPTER CRASH

1. SOVIET HELICOPTER CRASHED AT APPROXIMATELY NOON JULY 30 IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF MADAGASCAR KILLING ALL ON BOARD (5) INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER RAKOTOMALALA; LT. COLONEL ALPHONSE RAKOTONIRAINY, CHIEF OF STAFF; MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, PIERRE RAJAONAH; AND MAJORCRAMPANANA, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY CABINET TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, HELICOPTER (WHICH HAD BEEN DELIVERED ONLY MAY 1) WAS PILOTED BY MALAGASY OFFICER WHO HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM HELICOPTER TRAINING IN INDONESIA.

3. FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW. SHEINBAUM

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## Message Attributes

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